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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: NO ON HARRIS PACKING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai), chair of the Council Zoning Committee, stated he will defer hearing all pending nominees by Mayor Harris to boards and commissions under Zoning Committee jurisdiction until the Mayor-elect has an opportunity to comment on these nominations.

"The people have now spoken on who they want as Honolulu's next Mayor. Rather than have the outgoing Mayor pack the City boards with his appointees, we should give the Mayor-elect the opportunity to opine on who is appropriate for these vacant posts."

In the last 60 days, Harris has made 31 nominations to various boards and commissions, compared to approximately 12 nominations over the previous two years. Currently, nine nominees to important commissions, including the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Board of Appeals, are pending before the Council Zoning Committee.

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